

BEFORE THE  
BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

**JULIE THORNTON SENEGOR**  
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**Stockton, CA 95219**

**Registered Nurse License No. 352459**  
**Public Health Nurse Certificate No. 42400**

Respondent

Case No. 2012-323

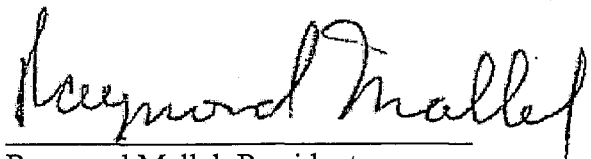
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**DECISION AND ORDER**

The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby adopted by the Board of Registered Nursing, Department of Consumer Affairs, as its Decision in this matter.

This Decision shall become effective on **December 26, 2012.**

IT IS SO ORDERED **November 26, 2012.**



Raymond Mallel, President  
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Department of Consumer Affairs  
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**STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND  
DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

17 Registered Nurse License No. 352459  
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Respondent.

18 **IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED** by and between the parties to the above-  
19 entitled proceedings that the following matters are true:

20 **PARTIES**

21 1. Louise R. Bailey, M.Ed., RN ("Complainant") is the Executive Officer of the Board  
22 of Registered Nursing ("Board"), Department of Consumer Affairs. She brought this action  
23 solely in her official capacity and is represented in this matter by Kamala D. Harris, Attorney  
24 General of the State of California, by Leslie A. Burgermyer, Deputy Attorney General.

25 2. Respondent Julie Thornton Senegor, also known as Julie Christine Thornton, Julie  
26 Christine Senegor, Julie Senegor, and Julie C. Thornton-Senegor, ("Respondent") is represented  
27 in this proceeding by attorney John Van Doren, Esq., 901 H Street, Suite 304, Sacramento, CA,  
28 95814 (telephone: 916/442-1932).

1           **Registered Nurse License**

2           3.     On or about September 30, 1982, the Board issued Registered Nurse License No.  
3     352459 to Respondent. The Registered Nurse License was in full force and effect at all times  
4     relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 2012-323 and will expire on January 31, 2014,  
5     unless renewed.

6           **Public Health Nurse Certificate**

7           4.     On or about September 8, 1987, the Board issued Public Health Nurse Certificate  
8     Number 42400 to Respondent. Respondent's public health nurse certificate was in full force and  
9     effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on January 31, 2014,  
10    unless renewed.

11                           **JURISDICTION**

12          5.     Accusation No. 2012-323 was filed before the Board and is currently pending against  
13    Respondent. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served  
14    on Respondent on November 23, 2011. Respondent timely filed her Notice of Defense contesting  
15    the Accusation. A true copy of Accusation No. 2012-323 is attached hereto, marked Exhibit A,  
16    and incorporated herein by reference.

17                           **ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS**

18          6.     Respondent has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the  
19    charges and allegations in Accusation No. 2012-323. Respondent has also carefully read, fully  
20    discussed with counsel, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary  
21    Order.

22          7.     Respondent is fully aware of her legal rights in this matter, including the right to a  
23    hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to be represented by counsel at  
24    her own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against her; the right to  
25    present evidence and to testify on her own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to  
26    compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration  
27    and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California  
28    Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.

8. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

## CULPABILITY

9. Respondent admits the truth of each and every charge and allegation in Accusation No. 2012-323.

10. Respondent agrees that her Registered Nurse License and Public Health Nurse Certificate are subject to discipline and she agrees to be bound by the Board's probationary terms as set forth in the Disciplinary Order below.

## RESERVATION

11. The admissions made by Respondent herein are only for the purposes of this proceeding, or any other proceedings in which the Board or other professional licensing agency is involved, and shall not be admissible in any other criminal or civil proceeding.

## CONTINGENCY

12. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Board. Respondent understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Board of Registered Nursing may communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and settlement, without notice to or participation by Respondent or her counsel. By signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that she may not withdraw her agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Board considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Board shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.

13. The parties understand and agree that facsimile copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, including facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.

14. This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is intended by the parties to be an integrated writing representing the complete, final, and exclusive embodiment of their agreement. It supersedes any and all prior or contemporaneous agreements, understandings, discussions,

1 negotiations, and commitments (written or oral). This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary  
2 Order may not be altered, amended, modified, supplemented, or otherwise changed except by a  
3 writing executed by an authorized representative of each of the parties.

4 15. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that  
5 the Board may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following  
6 Disciplinary Order:

7 **ORDER**

8 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Registered Nurse License Number 352459 and Public  
9 Health Nurse Certificate Number 42400 issued to Respondent Julie Thornton Senegor, also  
10 known as Julie Christine Thornton, Julie Christine Senegor, Julie Senegor, and Julie C. Thornton-  
11 Senegor, ("Respondent"), are REVOKED. However, the revocations are stayed and Respondent  
12 is placed on probation for three (3) years on the following conditions:

13 **SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:** Each condition of probation contained herein is a separate  
14 and distinct condition. If any condition of this Order, or any application thereof, is declared  
15 unenforceable in whole, in part, or to any extent, the remainder of this Order, and all other  
16 applications thereof, shall not be affected. Each condition of this Order shall separately be valid  
17 and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.

18 1. **OBEY ALL LAWS:** Respondent shall obey all federal, state, and local laws. A full  
19 and detailed account of any and all violations of law shall be reported by the Respondent to the  
20 Board of Registered Nursing ("Board") in writing within seventy-two (72) hours of occurrence.  
21 To permit monitoring of compliance with this condition, Respondent shall submit completed  
22 fingerprint forms and fingerprint fees within forty-five (45) days of the effective date of the  
23 decision, unless previously submitted as part of the licensure application process.

24 **CRIMINAL COURT ORDERS:** If Respondent is under criminal court orders,  
25 including probation or parole, and the order is violated, this shall be deemed a violation of these  
26 probation conditions and may result in the filing of an accusation and/or petition to revoke  
27 probation.  
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1           2. **COMPLY WITH THE BOARD'S PROBATION PROGRAM:** Respondent shall  
2 comply with the conditions of the Probation Program established by the Board and cooperate with  
3 representatives of the Board in its monitoring and investigation of the Respondent's compliance  
4 with the Board's Probation Program. Respondent shall inform the Board in writing within no  
5 more than fifteen (15) days of any address change and shall at all times maintain an active,  
6 current license status with the Board, including during any period of suspension.

7           3. **REPORTING IN PERSON:** Respondent, during the period of probation, shall  
8 appear in person at interviews and/or meetings as directed by the Board or its designated  
9 representatives.

10          4. **RESIDENCY, PRACTICE, OR LICENSURE OUTSIDE OF STATE:** Periods  
11 of residency or practice as a registered nurse outside of California shall not apply toward a  
12 reduction of this probation time period. Respondent's probation is tolled, if and when she resides  
13 outside of California. The Respondent must provide written notice to the Board within fifteen  
14 (15) days of any change of residency or practice outside the state, and within thirty (30) days  
15 prior to re-establishing residency or returning to practice in this state.

16          Respondent shall provide a list of all states and territories where she has ever been  
17 licensed as a registered nurse, vocational nurse, or practical nurse. Respondent shall further  
18 provide information regarding the status of each license and any changes in such license status  
19 during the term of probation. Respondent shall inform the Board if she applies for or obtains a  
20 new nursing license during the term of probation.

21          5. **SUBMIT WRITTEN REPORTS:** Respondent, during the period of probation,  
22 shall submit or cause to be submitted such written reports, declarations, and/or verifications of  
23 action under penalty of perjury, as required by the Board. These reports, declarations, and/or  
24 verifications shall contain statements relative to Respondent's compliance with all the conditions  
25 of the Board's Probation Program. Respondent shall immediately execute all release of  
26 information forms as may be required by the Board or its representatives.

27          Respondent shall provide a copy of this decision to the nursing regulatory agency in every  
28 state and territory in which she has a registered nurse license.

1           6. **FUNCTION AS A REGISTERED NURSE:** Respondent, during the period of  
2 probation, shall engage in the practice of registered nursing in California for a minimum of  
3 twenty-four (24) hours per week for six (6) consecutive months or as determined by the Board.

4           For purposes of compliance with the section, "engage in the practice of registered nursing"  
5 may include, when approved by the Board, volunteer work as a registered nurse, or work in any  
6 non-direct patient care position that requires licensure as a registered nurse.

7           The Board may require that advanced practice nurses engage in advance practice nursing  
8 for a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours per week for six (6) consecutive months or as  
9 determined by the Board.

10          If Respondent has not complied with condition during the probationary term, and the  
11 Respondent has presented sufficient documentation of her good faith efforts to comply with this  
12 condition, and if no other conditions have been violated, the Board, in its discretion, may grant an  
13 extension of the Respondent's probation period up to one year without further hearing in order to  
14 comply with this condition. During the one (1) year extension, all original conditions of  
15 probation shall apply.

16           7. **EMPLOYMENT APPROVAL AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:**

17 Respondent shall obtain prior approval from the Board before commencing or continuing any  
18 employment, paid or voluntary, as a registered nurse. Respondent shall cause to be submitted to  
19 the Board all performance evaluations and other employment related reports as a registered nurse  
20 upon request of the Board.

21          Respondent shall provide a copy of this decision to her employer and immediate  
22 supervisors prior to commencement of any nursing or other health care related employment.

23          In addition to the above, Respondent shall notify the Board in writing within seventy-two  
24 (72) hours after she obtains any nursing or other health care related employment. Respondent  
25 shall notify the Board in writing within seventy-two (72) hours after she is terminated or  
26 separated, regardless of cause, from any nursing, or other health care related employment with a  
27 full explanation of the circumstances surrounding the termination or separation.  
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1           8. **SUPERVISION:** Respondent shall obtain prior approval from the Board regarding  
2 Respondent's level of supervision and/or collaboration before commencing or continuing any  
3 employment as a registered nurse, or education and training that includes patient care.

4           Respondent shall practice only under the direct supervision of a registered nurse in good  
5 standing (no current discipline) with the Board, unless alternative methods of supervisions and/or  
6 collaboration (e.g., with an advanced practice nurse or physician) are approved.

7           Respondent's level of supervision and/or collaboration may include, but is not limited to  
8 the following:

9           a. **Maximum** – The individual providing supervision and/or collaboration is present in  
10 the patient care area or in any other work setting at all times.

11           b. **Moderate** – The individual providing supervision and/or collaboration is in the  
12 patient care unit or in any other work setting at least half the hours Respondent works.

13           c. **Minimum** – The individual providing supervision and/or collaboration has person-to-  
14 person communication with Respondent at least twice during each shift worked.

15           d. **Home Health Care** – If Respondent is approved to work in the home health care  
16 setting, the individual providing supervision and/or collaboration shall have person-to-person  
17 communication with Respondent as required by the Board each work day. Respondent shall  
18 maintain telephone or other telecommunication contact with the individual providing supervision  
19 and/or collaboration as required by the Board during each work day. The individual providing  
20 supervision and/or collaboration shall conduct, as required by the Board, periodic, on-site visits to  
21 patients' homes visited by the Respondent with or without Respondent present.

22           9. **EMPLOYMENT LIMITATIONS:** Respondent shall not work for a nurse's  
23 registry, in any private duty position as a registered nurse, a temporary nurse placement agency, a  
24 travelling nurse, or for an in-house nursing pool.

25           Respondent shall not work for a licensed home health agency as a visiting nurse unless the  
26 registered nurse supervision and other protections for home visits have been approved by the  
27 Board. Respondent shall not work in any other registered nursing occupation where home visits  
28 are required.



Respondent shall not work in any health care setting as a supervisor of registered nurses. The Board may additionally restrict Respondent from supervising licensed vocational nurses and/or unlicensed assistive personnel on a case-by-case basis.

Respondent shall not work as a faculty member in an approved school of nursing or as an instructor in a Board approved continuing education program.

Respondent shall work only on a regularly assigned, identified and pre-determined worksite(s) and shall not work in a float capacity.

If the Respondent is working or intends to work in excess of forty (40) hours per week, the Board may request documentation to determine whether there should be restrictions on the hours of work.

10. **COMPLETE A NURSING COURSE(S)**: Respondent, at her own expense, shall enroll and successfully complete a course(s) relevant to the practice of registered nursing no later than six (6) months prior to the end of her probationary terms.

Respondent shall obtain prior approval from the Board before enrolling in the course(s). Respondent shall submit to the Board the original transcripts or certificates of completion for the above required course(s). The Board shall return the original documents to Respondent after photocopying for its records.

11. **COST RECOVERY**: Respondent shall pay to the Board costs associated with its investigation and enforcement pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3 in the amount of \$4,530.00. Respondent shall be permitted to pay these costs in a payment plan approved by the Board, with payments to be completed no later than three (3) months prior to the end of the probation terms.

If Respondent has not complied with this condition during the probationary terms, and Respondent has presented sufficient documentation of her good faith efforts to comply with this condition, and if no other conditions have been violated, the Board, in its discretion, may grant an extension of the Respondent's probation period up to one (1) year without further hearing in order to comply with this condition. During the one (1) year extension, all original conditions of probation will apply.

1           12. **VIOLATION OF PROBATION:** If the Respondent violates the conditions of her  
2 probation, the Board after giving the Respondent notice and an opportunity to be heard, may set  
3 aside the stay order and impose the stayed discipline (revocation) of the Respondent's license.

4           If during the period of probation, an accusation or petition to revoke probation has been  
5 filed against Respondent's license or the Attorney General's Office has been requested to prepare  
6 an accusation or petition to revoke probation against the Respondent's license, the probationary  
7 period shall automatically be extended and shall not expire until the accusation or petition has  
8 been acted upon by the Board.

9           13. **LICENSE SURRENDER:** During Respondent's term of probation, if she ceases  
10 practicing due to retirement, health reasons or is otherwise unable to satisfy the conditions of  
11 probation, Respondent may surrender her license to the Board. The Board reserves the right to  
12 evaluate Respondent's request and to exercise its discretion whether to grant the request, or to  
13 take any other action deemed appropriate and reasonable under the circumstances, without further  
14 hearing. Upon formal acceptance of the tendered license and wall certificate, Respondent will no  
15 longer be subject to the conditions of probation.

16           Surrender of Respondent's license shall be considered a disciplinary action and shall  
17 become a part of Respondent's license history with the Board. A registered nurse whose license  
18 has been surrendered may petition the Board for reinstatement no sooner than the following  
19 minimum periods from the effective date of the disciplinary decision:

20           a. Two (2) years for reinstatement of a license that was surrendered for any reason other  
21 than a mental or physical illness; or

22           b. One (1) year for a license surrendered for a mental or physical illness.

23           14. **MENTAL HEALTH EXAMINATION:** The Respondent shall, within forty-five  
24 (45) days of the effective date of this decision, have a mental health examination including  
25 psychological testing as appropriate to determine her capability to perform the duties of a  
26 registered nurse. The examination will be performed by a psychiatrist, psychologist, or other  
27 licensed mental health practitioner approved by the Board. The examining mental health  
28 practitioner will submit a written report of that assessment and recommendations to the Board.

1 All costs are the responsibility of the Respondent. Recommendations for treatment, therapy, or  
2 counseling made as a result of the mental health examination will be instituted and followed by  
3 the Respondent.

4 If Respondent is determined to be *unable* to practice safely as a registered nurse, the  
5 licensed mental health care practitioner making this determination shall immediately notify the  
6 Board and Respondent by telephone, and the Board shall request that the Attorney General's  
7 Office prepare an accusation or petition to revoke probation. Respondent shall immediately cease  
8 practice and may not resume practice until notified by the Board. During this period of  
9 suspension, Respondent shall not engage in any practice for which a license issued by the Board  
10 is required, until the Board has notified Respondent that a mental health determination permits  
11 Respondent to resume practice. This period of suspension will not reply to the reduction of this  
12 probationary time period.

13 If the Respondent fails to have the above assessment submitted to the Board within the  
14 forty-five (45) day requirement, Respondent shall immediately cease practice and shall not  
15 resume practice until notified by the Board. This period of suspension will not apply to the  
16 reduction of this probationary time period. The Board may waive or postpone this suspension  
17 only if significant, documented evidence of mitigation is provided. Such evidence must establish  
18 good faith efforts by the Respondent to obtain the assessment, and a specific date for compliance  
19 must be provided. Only one (1) such waiver or extension may be permitted.

20 15. **THERAPY OR COUNSELING PROGRAM:** Respondent, at her own expense,  
21 shall participate in an on-going counseling program until such time as the Board releases her from  
22 this requirement and only upon the recommendation of the counselor. Written progress reports  
23 from the counselor will be required at various intervals.

#### 24 **ACCEPTANCE**

25 I have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and have fully  
26 discussed it with my attorney, John Van Doren, Esq. I understand the stipulation and the effect it  
27 will have on my Registered Nurse License and Public Health Nurse Certificate. I enter into this  
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1 Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree  
2 to be bound by the Decision and Order of the Board of Registered Nursing.

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4 DATED:

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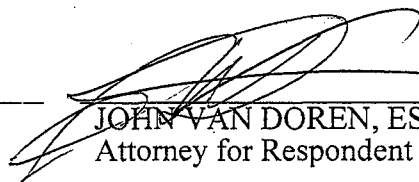


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9 I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Julie Thornton Senegor, also known as  
10 Julie Christine Thornton, Julie Christine Senegor, Julie Senegor, and Julie C. Thornton-Senegor,  
11 the terms and conditions and other matters contained in the above Stipulated Settlement and  
12 Disciplinary Order. I approve its form and content.

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14 DATED:

8/15/12



JOHN VAN DOREN, ESQ.  
Attorney for Respondent

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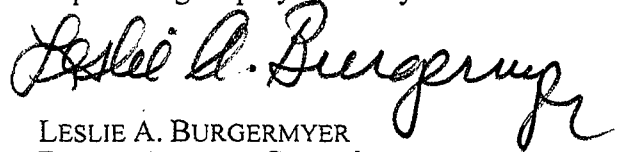
**ENDORSEMENT**

The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order are hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the Board of Registered Nursing of the Department of Consumer Affairs.

DATED: 8/20/2012

Respectfully submitted,

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## **Exhibit A**

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20 Complainant alleges:

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22 1. Louise R. Bailey, M.Ed., RN ("Complainant") brings this Accusation solely in her  
23 official capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Registered Nursing ("Board"),  
24 Department of Consumer Affairs.

25 **Registered Nurse License**

26 2. On or about September 30, 1982, the Board issued Registered Nurse License Number  
27 352459 to Julie Thornton Senegor, also known as Julie Christine Thornton, Julie Christine  
28 Senegor, Julie Senegor, and Julie C. Thornton-Senegor, ("Respondent"). Respondent's registered

nurse license was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on January 31, 2014, unless renewed.

### **Public Health Nurse Certificate**

3. On or about September 8, 1987, the Board issued Public Health Nurse Certificate Number 42400 to Respondent. Respondent's public health nurse certificate was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on January 31, 2014, unless renewed.

### **STATUTORY AND REGULATORY PROVISIONS**

4. Business and Professions Code ("Code") section 2750 provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may discipline any licensee for any reason provided in Article 3 (commencing with section 2750) of the Nursing Practice Act.

5. Code section 2764 provides, in pertinent part, that the expiration of a license shall not deprive the Board of jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary proceeding against the licensee or to render a decision imposing discipline on the license. Under Code section 2811, subdivision (b), the Board may renew an expired license at any time within eight years after the expiration.

6. Code section 2761 states, in pertinent part:

The board may take disciplinary action against a certified or licensed nurse or deny an application for a certificate or license for any of the following:

(a) Unprofessional conduct . . .

(e) Making or giving any false statement or information in connection with the application for issuance of a certificate or license.

(f) Conviction of a felony or of any offense substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a registered nurse, in which event the record of the conviction shall be conclusive evidence thereof . . .

7. Code section 2765 states:

A plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere made to a charge substantially related to the qualifications, functions and duties of a registered nurse is deemed to be a conviction within the meaning of this article. The board may order the license or certificate suspended or revoked, or may decline to issue a license or certificate, when the time for appeal has elapsed, or the judgment of conviction has been affirmed on appeal or when an order granting probation is made suspending the imposition of sentence, irrespective of a subsequent order under the provisions of Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code allowing such person to withdraw his or her plea of guilty and to enter a plea of not guilty, or setting aside



the verdict of guilty, or dismissing the accusation, information or indictment.

8. Code section 490, subdivision (a), states:

In addition to any other action that a board is permitted to take against a licensee, a board may suspend or revoke a license on the ground that the licensee has been convicted of a crime, if the crime is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the business or profession for which the license was issued.

9. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1444, states, in pertinent part:

A conviction or act shall be considered to be substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of a registered nurse if to a substantial degree it evidences the present or potential unfitness of a registered nurse to practice in a manner consistent with the public health, safety, or welfare . . .

### **COST RECOVERY**

10. Code section 125.3 provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the administrative law judge to direct a licensee found to have committed a violation or violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case.

### **FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

#### **(Criminal Convictions)**

11. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code sections 2761, subdivision (f), and 490, subdivision (a), on the grounds of unprofessional conduct in that she was convicted of crimes which are substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a registered nurse, as follows:

a. On or about October 9, 2009, in the criminal proceeding titled *People v. Julie Christine Senegor* (Super. Ct. San Joaquin County, 2009, Case No. SM269545A), Respondent pled nolo contendere to violating Penal Code section 166, subdivision (c)(1) [contempt of court], a misdemeanor. The imposition of Respondent's sentence was suspended and Respondent was placed on conditional probation for three years. The circumstances of the crime are as follows:

(1) On or about March 28, 2009, through April 5, 2009, Respondent willfully, unlawfully, and knowingly violated a protective order or stay away court order issued pursuant to section Penal Code section 136.2 in a pending criminal proceeding involving

1 domestic violence, as defined in section 13700, or issued as a condition of probation after a  
2 conviction in a criminal proceeding involving domestic violence, as defined in section 13700.

3 b. On or about December 29, 2010, in the criminal proceeding titled *People v.*  
4 *Julie Senegor*, et al. (Super. Ct. San Joaquin County, 2010, Case No. SM275164A), Respondent  
5 pled nolo contendere to three counts of violating Penal Code section 166, subdivision (a)(4)  
6 (criminal contempt: disobeying a court order), a misdemeanor. The imposition of Respondent's  
7 sentence was suspended and Respondent was placed on conditional probation for three years.

8 The circumstances of the crime are as follows:

9 (1) Respondent, who was selected as a juror in *People v. Cuevas (Cuevas)*,  
10 (Super. Ct. San Joaquin County, 2010, Case No. MF031966), lied on several questions of the voir  
11 dire questionnaire including, but not limited to, question #5 which asked if the potential juror or  
12 anyone else close to her had been arrested, stopped, questioned, or charged by any law  
13 enforcement officer with criminal charges. Respondent failed to disclose her misdemeanor  
14 conviction of October 9, 2009, set forth above. In response to question #7 asking if the  
15 prospective jurors had had a bad experience with any type of attorney, Respondent answered  
16 "no." The truth is Respondent had a long history of harassing and threatening the attorney that  
17 had represented her former husband during their divorce. Respondent also responded "no" to  
18 question #4 which asked the prospective juror if she had ever given a statement to the police as a  
19 suspect, victim, or witness to a crime. The truth is Respondent had been arrested for various  
20 charges and she made a statement at the time of her arrest.

21 (2) While Respondent was a juror in the *Cuevas* trial, Respondent made  
22 inappropriate comments to jurors and a comment to co-defendant Robert Wolfe ("Wolfe").  
23 Respondent disclosed to her co-jurors that she had a deceased child, she saw the investigator who  
24 investigated her child's death in the court house, and started sobbing uncontrollably. Respondent  
25 also told the jurors that she believed a detective had been winking and flirting with her and then  
26 stated he had a tick which she recognized due to her nursing experience. Respondent also spoke  
27 openly about the *Cuevas* trial even though the jurors had been admonished not to do so. As to the  
28 comment to Wolfe, a juror was present during an incident where Wolfe overheard Respondent's

comment that Wolfe looked thirsty; then Wolfe spoke directly to Respondent, asking her if she needed a drink to which Respondent replied "No, I thought you were thirsty." The next day, a juror observed Respondent wearing a low cut blouse to court and leaning over toward Wolfe while he was in the witness stand; the juror also observed Wolf look at Respondent, and Respondent smiled real big. On April 30, 2010, Respondent was questioned by the court regarding her encounter with Wolfe while he was on the witness stand awaiting his testimony. Respondent denied speaking with Wolfe and advised the court that Wolfe had spoken to her.

(3) While serving as a juror in the *Cuevas* trial, the court admonished Respondent regarding her expertise as a nurse, and she was instructed not to use her skills to influence deliberations or the outcome of the case. Respondent disobeyed the court when she told the jurors that a nurse with a conviction would lose her license. On May 4, 2010, Judge Mallett relieved Respondent of her role as a juror in the *Cuevas* trial. Judge Mallett ordered Respondent, not to have any contact with the jurors until the end of trial. After being released from jury service on May 4, 2010, Respondent was in contact with at least one juror on numerous occasions while the trial was ongoing, thereby disobeying Judge Mallett's order.

All of the above-mentioned incidents occurred while Respondent was on criminal probation for her conviction of October 9, 2009.

## **SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

### **(Unprofessional Conduct)**

12. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 2761, subdivision (e), on the grounds of unprofessional conduct in that on or about November 12, 2009, Respondent submitted her 2009 renewal application to the Board, under penalty of perjury, on which she responded "no" to the question "Since you last renewed your license, have you had a license disciplined by a government agency or other disciplinary body; or, have you been convicted of any crime in any state, the USA and its territories, military court or other country?" The truth is Respondent had been convicted on October 9, 2009, as alleged in paragraph 11, above.

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1 **THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

2 **(Unprofessional Conduct)**

3 13. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 2761,  
4 subdivision (a), on the grounds of unprofessional conduct in that she committed the following  
5 acts constituting unprofessional conduct:

6 a. Respondent falsely answered "no" to the question if she had been convicted of  
7 a crime since her last renewal, as set forth in paragraph 12, above.

8 b. In and between May 10, 2008, and July 27, 2008, Respondent made threatening  
9 and harassing telephone calls and left voice mail messages on the phone of E.S., the mother of her  
10 son's classmate. Respondent used profanity and threatened legal action against E.S. E.S.  
11 contacted the San Joaquin County Sheriff's Office and requested a report of this matter be on file.

12 c. In and between September 2008 and October 4, 2008, an irate Respondent  
13 verbally harassed Judge A.L. in public at a delicatessen in Stockton, California. Respondent's  
14 verbal harassment included "Well, how's the world's worst judge," calling him a terrible judge,  
15 and accusing him of ruining her and her children's' lives. Judge A.L. had been the judge for  
16 Respondent's divorce action twelve years before. Judge A.L. contacted the San Joaquin County  
17 Sheriff's Office and requested they speak to Respondent and ask that she stay away from him and  
18 not speak with him.

19 **PRAYER**

20 **WHEREFORE**, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged,  
21 and that following the hearing, the Board of Registered Nursing issue a decision:


22 1. Revoking or suspending Registered Nurse License Number 352459, issued to Julie  
23 Thornton Senegor, also known as Julie Christine Thornton, Julie Christine Senegor, Julie  
24 Senegor, and Julie C. Thornton-Senegor;

25 2. Revoking or suspending Public Health Nurse Certificate Number 42400, issued to  
26 Julie Thornton Senegor, also known as Julie Christine Thornton, Julie Christine Senegor, Julie  
27 Senegor, and Julie C. Thornton-Senegor;

3. Ordering Julie Thornton Senegor, also known as Julie Christine Thornton, Julie Christine Senegor, Julie Senegor, and Julie C. Thornton-Senegor, to pay the Board of Registered Nursing the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3;

4. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED: November 23, 2011

  
for LOUISE R. BAILEY, M.ED., RN  
Executive Officer  
Board of Registered Nursing  
Department of Consumer Affairs  
State of California  
Complainant

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